

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

October 5, 2009  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER.

**CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; LYS HORNSBY, Utilities Director; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations and Event Coordinator; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, Fire & Emergency Services Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXELL and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM ADVOCATE TINA HARRIS, Police Department.

**PROCLAMATION**

National Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month - October  
2009

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring the month of October, 2009, to be "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to take an active role in supporting all victims so they can lead healthy lives safe from violent and abusive behavior. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Shauna Ramsay, Co-facilitator of the Renton Domestic Violence Task Force, accepted the proclamation with appreciation. She remarked that 50 of the 175 families she helped in 2008 were from Renton.

Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Tina Harris introduced *Suzy*, the keynote speaker for this year's Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) silent auction and dinner. *Suzy* shared her experience as a victim of assault, and thanked the City for the support and services provided, emphasizing that it is important to not only have police trained to deal with domestic violence calls, but to also have a domestic violence advocate on staff to assist victims in finding the support and services they need.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Added**

Fire: Greater Renton COAD  
Introduction

Fire Chief and Emergency Services Administrator I. David Daniels introduced Julie Schmitke, Chair of the Greater Renton Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD). Ms. Schmitke announced that COAD is a network of community organizations, non-profits, and businesses in the Renton area who desire to meet the needs of individuals in the community. She reported that COAD's mission and purpose is to identify, network, organize, and deploy resources to address the unmet human needs in disaster recovery. She stated that there are currently 40 organizations and businesses networked in the greater Renton area.

Ms. Schmitke reported that COAD has identified six key areas of need, and that each area is led by a Functional Lead Organization (FLO). She stated that the key areas and corresponding FLO are as follows: 1) Mass Care - City of Renton Community Services Department and American Red Cross; 2) Clothing - Renton Clothing Bank, Harambee Church, and Highlands Community Association; 3) Food provision - Renton Rotary and Salvation Army Food Bank; Food preparation - Fairwood United Methodist Church, Harambee Church, Maple Valley Presbyterian Church, and the Renton School District; 4) Emotional/Spiritual Support - Renton Ecumenical Area Churches (REACH); 5) Donated Goods - no FLO identified; and 6) Volunteer Management - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Ms. Schmitke pointed out that the FLO is not responsible for meeting the specific needs of their key area; they are only responsible for connecting the supporting groups associated with their area.

Concluding, Ms. Schmitke reported that the next steps for the Greater Renton COAD is to identify a Functional Lead Organization for the donated goods area, create a donated goods management plan, recruit more supporting organizations for the food and clothing areas, and help organizations with business continuity and emergency preparedness planning. She announced that any community organization interested in joining COAD can contact the City's Emergency Management Division and invited the public to attend a COAD meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington noted that Ms. Schmitke has a job and a family and thanked her for volunteering to lead the organization. He explained that the Greater Renton COAD, under Ms. Schmitke's leadership, is helping the community get organized by identifying essential people, businesses, and resources in the event of a disaster. Mr. Covington also thanked community businesses, religious organizations, and service organizations for their support.

#### Community Services: Renton River Days Wrap-Up

Community Relations and Event Coordinator Sonja Mejlaender reported that Ikea has been the title sponsor of Renton River Days since 1999 and the event is marketed and branded as "Ikea Renton River Days." She stated that this year's theme was "Explore the Heart of Renton" and the festival occurred July 22 to 26, 2009.

Ms. Mejlaender reported that festival management consists of numerous committees, City of Renton staff teams, and the Board of Directors. She explained that the City's team-oriented approach optimizes strategic planning and efficient use of resources. Ms. Mejlaender reviewed the festival's financial history and remarked that the reductions in this year's costs are attributed to the cancellation of Boatstock and a reduction in entertainment and children's activity expenses. She introduced Jerry Kavesh, Festival Chairman.

Mr. Kavesh reported that 619 volunteers contributed 5,968 hours of service this year and that Helenanne Botham was awarded the 2009 Outstanding Service Award. He stated that 40 entertainment groups featuring 425 entertainers performed and that many musical genres were featured.

Mr. Kavesh stated that \$50,000 will be distributed back into the community and nearly \$12,000 in prizes was awarded this year. Concluding, he announced that Ikea will continue to be the title sponsor for the next three years. Mr. Kavesh introduced Lisa Halstead from Ikea.

Ms. Halstead remarked that for the past 11 years Ikea has been proud and honored to be the title sponsor for Ikea Renton River Days and that Ikea is excited to be the title sponsor for the next three years.

Mayor Law applauded Mr. Kavesh and all of the volunteers who dedicated numerous hours of service to the festival. He also thanked all of the event's sponsors for their continued support.

Public Works: Employee  
Recognition

Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman recognized the Public Works Department employees nominated and chosen by their peers to receive the 2009 Co-Employees of the Year award, as follows: Danny Hribel, Water Utility Maintenance Technician, Rob Lochmiller, Principal Civil Engineer - Transportation, and Patrick Flaherty, Engineering Specialist II.

Mr. Zimmerman also announced that the 2009 Good Teamwork Award was awarded to the Fleet Maintenance Section: Tom Brain, Brian Carey, Tom Guesman, Tim Harrington, Michael Peterson, Glenn Popelka, William Schoppert, and Dean Stewart.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Cowan -  
Planning Commission Policies  
& Procedures

John Cowan (Renton) requested that Council adopt a documented process for remanding Planning Commission recommendations back to the Commission before Council overrules their recommendation. He noted that nearby cities do this, and that there would be no additional cost to the City. He also requested that the Administration propose three potential processes for achieving this recommendation and urged Council to choose one of the proposed processes and institutionalize it.

Council discussion ensued regarding the necessity and appropriateness of creating a new policy to document the working relationship between the Planning Commission and the Planning and Development Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THIS TOPIC (CONSIDER PROCESS FOR REMANDING PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION) TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Mayor Law remarked that Mr. Cowan will be notified as to when the meeting will take place.

Citizen Comment: McOmber -  
Various

Howard McOmber (Renton), Highlands Community Association, expressed appreciation for the emphasis of work that has been conducted in the Renton Highlands. He opined that the ultimate authority for City policy decisions resides with the City Council and not the Planning Commission. He stated that property owners who may not agree with the Planning Commission have the right to bring their concerns before Council for a final decision. Mr. McOmber also pointed out that Planning Commissioners are volunteers, appointed by Council, and Councilmembers are elected officials.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of  
9/28/2009

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 9/28/2009. Council concur.

Appointment: Airport Advisory  
Committee

Mayor Law appointed Tom Lambro to the Airport Advisory Committee, The Boeing Company position, for an unexpired term expiring 5/7/2011 (position previously held by Jan Fedor). Refer to Community Services Committee.

CED: Arts & Culture Master Plan, Lund Consulting	Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$25,000 with Lund Consulting, Inc. for development of the Arts and Culture Master Plan. Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> .
Plat: Talbot Ridge Estates, SE 192nd St, FP-07-150	Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Talbot Ridge Estates Final Plat, 22 single-family lots on 4.3 acres located in the vicinity of SE 192nd St. and 102nd Ave. SE. Council concur. (See later this for resolution.)
CAG: 06-097, Addendum #51, Eastside Fiber Consortium	Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of Addendum #51 to CAG-06-097, Eastside Fiber Consortium agreement, to add the City of Puyallup as a consortium partner. Council concur.
Finance: Copier Rental & Maintenance, IKON Office Solutions	Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a five-year lease agreement in the amount of \$109,613 per year with IKON Office Solutions, Inc. for copier machine rental and maintenance services. Council concur.
Budget: Annual, City of Renton	Finance and Information Services Department recommended a public hearing be set on 10/26/2009 to consider the 2010 Revenue Sources and Preliminary Budget, and a public hearing be set on 11/16/2009 to consider the 2010 Budget. Refer to <u>Committee of the Whole</u> ; set public hearing on 10/26/2009 and 11/16/2009.
Utility: NPDES Permit, WA Ecology Grant	Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$50,000 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for non-matching grant funds to assist with implementing the Phase II Municipal Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Council concur.
	MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
<b>RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES</b>	The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:
<b><u>RESOLUTION #4018</u></b> Plat: Talbot Ridge Estates, SE 192nd St, FP-07-150	A resolution of the City of Renton was read approving the Talbot Ridge Estates Final Plat, approximately 4.3 acres located in the vicinity of SE 192nd St. and 102nd Ave. SE. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.
	The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:
<b><u>ORDINANCE #5496</u></b> CED: Real Estate Sign Kiosk Pilot Program	An ordinance of the City of Renton was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement; Chapter 4, City-Wide Property Development Standards; and Chapter 11, Definitions; of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code, to amend the regulations regarding sign permit fees, sign regulations and the definition of "Sign, Real Estate" by adding definitions for "Real Estate Sign Kiosk" and "Real Estate Sign Kiosk Directional Panel." MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b> Transportation: Strander Blvd. Project Financing	MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ISSUE OF FINANCING FOR STRANDER BLVD. (PROJECT) TO THE <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> . CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.  
Time: 8:05 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder  
October 5, 2009